

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

The thin line portions 51, 52 and 53 are in part provided with a plurality of contracted diameter portions 51a, 52a and 53a in a regular way as shown in Fig. 4. Advancing of the writing body 2 and of the guide tube 6 fixed to the writing body 2 causes the contracted diameter portions 51a, 52a and 53a to be readily bent and deformed within the shaft tube 1. In Fig. 4, a bulged or enlarged portion 51b is provided on the thin line portion 51, and the bulged portion 51b restricts the advancing of the thin line portion 51 along with the advancing movement of the guide tube 6 by engaging with engaging step portions 3e protruding from an outer side face of the sealing tube 3 (i.e. obstruction of the advancing movement by a contracted or reduced diameter portion 3d between the engaging step portions 3e). Although the thin line portion 51 is therefore restricted, the two other thin line portions 52 and 53 advance, and therefore the sealing lid 4 rotates around the vicinity of the tip of the thin line portion 51, i.e., the sealing lid 4 pivots about the region where the front end of the thin line portion 51 connects to the sealing lid, and the sealing lid 4 is expanded and opened

opens the front end of the sealing tube 3 to make writing  
possible (see Fig. 9).